

Washington, DC -- Congressman Vern Buchanan (R-FL 13) announced today an opportunity for residents of Florida's 13th Congressional District to share their holiday wishes with wounded U.S. soldiers. Buchanan will be collecting and delivering Christmas, Hanukkah, and holiday cards for Florida men and women at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"The holidays can be a sad and lonely time for U.S. soldiers who are away from home, including those in our military hospitals" said Buchanan. "I encourage you to remember those in our armed forces who have sacrificed their health on our behalf by sharing your holiday wishes with the troops. I will personally deliver cards and greetings I receive to Florida men and women at Walter Reed."

If you would like to share your holiday wishes with our troops, please send or bring a card in an unsealed envelope with a brief message and signature to either of Congressman Buchanan's district offices by December 14, 2007. In recognition of our support for the dedicated and honorable service of our wounded Armed Forces, Congressman Buchanan will deliver the cards to our troops the following week, on behalf of the people of the Thirteenth District of Florida.

While drafting your card, please keep in mind that Walter Reed Army Medical Center policy does not accept any messages containing personal contact information (excluding your signature) nor do they accept any negative-toned messages. Writers are encouraged to include a brief supportive message, along with a personal signature. Greetings should be delivered by Friday, December 14 to the Congressman's district offices at:

Sarasota Office  
235 North Orange Ave #201  
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Bradenton Office  
1001 3rd Ave. West #380  
Bradenton, Florida 34205